



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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Wedgedale Drive Fire

FF Kip Mason and Lt. Jennifer Morimoto keep a line in operation during the over-haul phase of operations.

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411 From 911

By Janet Maurer

This year has been full of changes for the ECC. We have had personnel transfer to other divisions, have added new dispatchers, and have incorporated additional dispatch aids.

Chris Barry, a former ECC Dispatch Supervisor, transferred to the Fire Marshal's division in January and is currently assigned to Code Enforcement. He is busy attending classes and expects to complete his training near the end of this year. Seaver Miller, a former ECC Dispatcher, transferred to the field and is currently in Recruit Class. He expects to graduate next month. Congratulations to both!!!

If you hear a voice on the radio that you don't recognize, you aren't alone. Jason Russell is our latest released dispatcher. Golda Kiger, Catherine King, Amy Hackney, and Jeff Longerbeam have just finished the 5 week classroom Dispatcher Academy. It will be a few months, until they are ready for the radios, but until then they will be doing training with the new Communications Training Officers: Amy Bunty, Rob Hiltner, Janet Maurer, and Bentz Rhodes. The CTOs are responsible for new dispatcher training, on-shift crew training, and are the Assistant Supervisors for their respective shifts.

One additional dispatch aid is the EnRoute Mapping. EnRoute Mapping is a GEAC program that enables the dispatcher to view the entire county as a map, on a computer screen. Although streets and addresses are still being added, it is possible to focus on an area in very fine detail. All dispatchers are currently training on this, so look for more information in next month's edition.

Another new aid is the Emergency Medical Dispatch cards. Produced by Medical Priorities, it consists of 33 case cards that are in a flip-card format. Everything from basic questions to how to give pre-arrival instructions to the caller is provided. They have been quite handy, just ask Dispatcher Jason Russell. On May 10, 2005 at 4:10 am, Jason answered a 911 cell line and was told, "I think my wife is deliver-

ing now." He immediately went to EMD and asked the basic questions. Recognizing that birth was imminent, Jason flipped to the OB Card and instructed the caller through the entire process of childbirth. When EMS arrived on the scene, the crew was met by Mom, Dad, and a healthy baby boy! Jason received a blue stork, at Senior Staff, for his professionalism during this call. Congratulations Jason!



COMPANY NEWS

Ashburn

Stations 6 and 23 New Deliveries

By Mike Sanders, Co. 6

The Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (AVFRD) have recently taken delivery of two new engines and a new mid mount aerial tower.

Two new 2005 Spartan Gladiator/Ferrara engines have been assigned to each of Ashburn's stations and will have the radio designations of Reserve Engine 6 and Reserve Engine 23. These new Spartan/Ferrara's are very similar to the two 2004 models and have 1500 gallon per minute pumps and carry 500 gallons of water. They are painted in Ashburn's colors of yellow and white.

Tower 6 is also a 2005 Ferrara that has a Spartan Gladiator cab and a 100' mid mount platform. Equipped with a 1500 gallon per minute pump, Tower 6 carries a minimal 50 gallons of water. What makes the pump unusual on Tower 6 is that the panel is located on the back roof of the Spartan cab. This unique set up allows the driver-operator to control the operations of the platform and when flowing water, be able to quickly turn around and operate the pump without having to climb down off of the truck.



2005 Spartan Gladiator/Ferrara engine



Tower 6

NEED ARTICLES & PHOTOGRAPHS

Send to Frankie at Fire & Rescue Services

or

E-MAIL ARTICLES TO: frust@loudoun.gov

AUGUST 2005

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,1	2 BLS Committee	3 Companies 13 & 17	4 Company 15	5	6
7	8 Companies 2,7,8,9,12	9 Rescue Chiefs	10 Company 10 R&R Committee	11	12	13
14 Company 14	15 Company 1 ALS Committee	16 EMS Council	17 Fire Council	18	19	20
21	22 Companies 4 & 8	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Fire-Rescue Commission	31			

TRAINING

AHA CPR-Healthcare

Provider (6 classes)

Sun. July 10, 2005

Sat. August 20, 2005

Sun. August 28, 2005

Sat. October 15, 2005

Sun. December 4, 2005

Fire-Rescue Orientation

Attend one date only:

July 5th 1930 hrs.

July 7th 1930 hrs.

Firefighter I

July 5, 2005-January 8,

2006 MODULES:

July 5-Orientation*

July 13-Bloodborne

Pathogens *

July 16 SCBA Fit Testing

July 18-Aug. 10 Haz Mat

Operations (*requires SCBA*

Face piece and documenta-

tion of fit test within last 6

months prior to start of

class)

August 13-CPR**

August 15-Sept. 21-First

Responder

Sept. 25-Dec. 22-Fire-

fighter Level 1

Jan. 3-Jan. 8- HTR Extri-

cation

**Mandatory Attendance*

** *Mandatory for First*

Responders



JULY & AUGUST 2005 Virginia Course Schedule

AWR 130

Date

July 21 TH

Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings - Awareness

Location

8AM-noon Prince William County Public Safety Academy

PER 231

Date

July 21 TH

Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombings

Location

1-5PM Prince William County Public Safety Academy

PER 225

Date

August 16-18
T-TH

Law Enforcement Response to WMD-Operations Level Train-the-Trainer

Location

8AM-5PM Prince William County Public Safety Academy

PER 210

Date

Aug. 30-Sept 1
T-TH

Public Works: Planning for and Responding to a Terrorism/WMD Incident

Location

8AM-5PM READI - Ashburn, VA

Please try to register 2 weeks prior to course start date. To register please send an email to readi411@gwu.edu and be sure to include the course title, course date, your name, title, agency, address, phone and email address.



NOTICE OF CHANGE

Reports of injuries/illnesses are now to be submitted to Safety Officer Bob Swarthout, at L C F R . rswartho@loudoun.gov for initial notification

Explorer Post 1666

Congratulations to the Explorer Post 1666 of Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on being the recipient of \$500 from the Allstate Insurance Foundation. Many thanks to Mike Sanders who supports our community by being a volunteer at Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue and as a employee at Allstate Insurance supports our Explorer group.

Check was part of long term, ongoing commitment from Allstate Foundation for \$500.00

Submitted by:

Karleen Hagan, Co. 6



Explorer Post 1666 (front row L-R) Cherilyn Myers, Dean Myers, Nathan Lewis, Post Captain Donesha Robinson add Chaz Moxley. (back row L-R) Post advisor Max Triola, Hillary Pitts, John Ayres, Stephen Bower, Allstate Foundation Representative (& member of AVFRD) Mike Sanders, Ryan McKigney, Ronnie Claar,



Engine 618 Wins First Place at the Apple Blossom Parade

The Apple Blossom Festival's Annual Fireman's Parade has always been a popular springtime event for Loudoun's fire departments. This year, the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company entered Engine 618 into the parade and judging competition. The engine won first place in the Tanker / Pumper category. Engine 618 is a 2004 Pierce Lance with a 1,500 gallon per minute pump and a 1,250 gallon tank. It is equipped with two side gravity dumps. Technician Ron Claar led a massive team effort to prepare the engine for the parade.



Left-Right: FF Chris Howley, FF Brett Cunningham, Technician Ron Claar and FF Rich Mann in front of Engine 618.

A BIG THANK YOU for the articles!
Please keep the articles & photos coming!
E-mail Attached Articles & Photos to: frust@loudoun.gov

Wedgedale Drive Fire

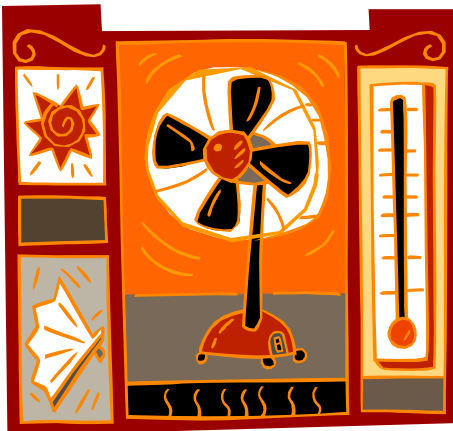
On Tuesday, May 24th, units from Sterling, Ashburn and Fairfax responded to a report of multiple townhouses on fire on Wedgedale Drive in the Sugarland Subdivision. The first arriving units found heavy fire progressing along the rear of a row of townhomes.

An attack was made from the front in order to help push the fire out of the structures with secondary lines deployed to the rear to directly attack the fire. The fire was quickly brought under control by the first alarm units but the support of the additional specialty units that pre-staged along Route 7 was appreciated.

As a result of this fire, residents from all three homes were displaced. These homes all had an unusually high number of occupants and the total number of people displaced exceeded 20. This required a substantial effort from the After the Fire Program, Department of Emergency Management, Red Cross and Staff Duty Officer Deputy Chief Partlow.

The fire is currently under investigation by the Fire Marshall's office.

Submitted by David Short, Co. 11



Lt. Todd Clist and FF Nora Samoya scaled locked fences in order to gain access to the rear of the affected homes.



Chief Mickey Buchanan served as the Incident Commander and is seen here briefing with Captain Mark Featherstone.



Deputy Chief Matt Parlow and Battalion Chief Mike Lamb worked to support the fire fighting and recovery effort.

Lt. Jennifer Morimoto and Lt. Dan Ketcham worked lead the overhaul effort to the rear of the homes.



“Tech 25”

By Byron Andrews, Co. 15
and Mike Sanders, Co. 6

The Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad, Stations 15 and 25, recently placed into service a unique technical rescue truck that has the radio designation of “Tech 25”. Operating out of the Cascades fire and rescue station, Tech 25 replaces their old 1983 International truck.

Tech 25 is a 2004 Freightliner 70 with a 2005 body built by American LaFrance. The Freightliner 70 cab is unique in a variety of ways. First, this style of cab is no longer offered and has been replaced by the M2 cab, which is beginning to make its way into the fire and rescue service. In fact, Sterling Rescue currently has two monster medic ambulances on order with the newer M2 cab. In addition, the Freightliner 70 has an extended two-door cab. Seating capacity is for three people, two in the front and a unique arrangement of a third seat in the middle of the cab just behind the driver and officer position. Located on top of the Freightliner cab is a 3,000-watt Nightscan light tower. The front bumper contains a 12,000 lb. Ramsey winch.

The 14’ American LaFrance body comes complete with roll up doors. A 25kw Onan generator provides power to the unit. The numerous compartments store an abundance of equipment for vehicle extrication, rope rescue, water rescue, confined space, building collapse, and other tools and equipment. Located on top of the roof are six anchor points for carrying inflatable boats.

Other features of Tech 25 in-

clude a tow hitch in order to transport Sterling Rescue’s collapse and mass casualty trailers, the capability to hook up a ten foot heavy duty snow plow, Insta-Chain system for automatic tire chains during snow and ice, and a Safety Vision backup camera system complete with a visor mounted color monitor located in the front cab.

The new Tech 25 replaces an older 1983 International/Baker that was once a VEPCO power truck. Over the years the International was rehabbed and is still in overall good condition. It will be sold. Tech 25 also has the capability to back up Squad 15 when that unit is out of service.



RHVFD Open House/Career Staff Appreciation Lunch

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department recently held two special events: Open House and Career Staff Appreciation Lunch. Both events were very successful.

Open House was held on Saturday May 28, 2005 in conjunction with EMS Week and the Round Hill Festival. The day started out a little shaky as many crews were on an EMS call on Raven Rocks Road and not at the station to set up or help the town with the 5K run. Crews from Lovettsville Fire and Purcellville Rescue saved the day not only by providing fill in crews but also helping get the firehouse ready.

Next was the parade that included not only the apparatus from Round Hill, but also several local groups. The town and some residents had booths, but nothing compared to the Pig Roast at the firehouse. The pig, given to the RHVFD by an anonymous donator, was cooked, cut, and served right in front of the station. Representatives from all over the county had tables inside and attendance was high. The Red Cross, Animal Control, VA Department of Forestry, and the Medical Reserve Corp were among some of the many vendors present. Loudoun Hospital brought their bus and did blood pressure checks and the



LCSO did finger printing for children.

The other current event was Career Staff Appreciation Lunch.

They're there everyday and they do so much to keep the daily operations flowing smoothly. So, in order to show how much the career staff really does mean to the department, the RHVFD Senior Staff decided to have a catered lunch and they were the servers.

On Sunday May 22 and 29, President Dickie Costello, Rescue Chief Fred Muller, Fire Chief Tim Lasher, and LCFR Chief Pozzo rolled up their sleeves and got to work serving lunch. Paulie's Catering Service cooked chicken parmesan and pasta. They served everything from drinks, salad, and the main entree to dessert of either strawberry shortcake or chocolate mint dessert. And they even did the dishes!

Thank you citizens of Round Hill. Thank you Career Staff!

